

## missions

*Recruitment for Guatemala 2020 is underway. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Cory. Age requirements for this outreach are 16+. The plus means anybody older... this includes adults who are interested as well!*

**Missionary of the Week** — Pray for Marcus Martinez with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. For the latest newsletters from the missionaries we support, visit [gccvisalia.org/ministries/missions](http://gccvisalia.org/ministries/missions).



*...bringing the light of Christ to the world.*

## adults

### MEN, WOMEN & FAMILY:

**Women's Christmas Dinner** — The Christmas dinner is currently sold out. To reserve a spot on the waiting list contact Christine De Haan at [cdehaan@gccvisalia.org](mailto:cdehaan@gccvisalia.org).

**Men's "Ironworks"** — Men of all ages gather in the Grace Cafe on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 a.m. to strengthen one another's faith. Coffee and pastries are provided. Our study varies through the books of the Bible. For more information email Pastor Michael Lopes at [mlopes@gccvisalia.org](mailto:mlopes@gccvisalia.org).

**Upcoming Elective** — The Inquirers' Class is for those who want to learn more about Grace Community Church or become a member. This class will meet at 10:30 a.m. on November 24, December 1 and 8. All classes will meet in the Grace Cafe. To register, circle "I" on a communication card and place it in the offering plate.

**Service Opportunities** — We have openings on the Security Team, Ushering Team and Communion Team for those who would like to serve on Sunday mornings. Please call Michael Lopes at 733.3966x117 for more information and how to sign-up.

**Adult Bible Fellowships** — Bible studies for adults meet at both hours in the modulars. At 9:00 a.m. we offer Satellite (M5), a group for young adults, Family Matters (M6), a group for families with children, and Proclaimers (M3), a group for older adults. At 10:30 a.m. we offer Women of the Word (M4), a group for women only.

## did you know?

**Parent Call Box** — The number 99 will flash on our parent call box (located over the exit door on the west side of the Worship Center) **when help is needed** in one of our nursery classrooms. If you are willing, please come to the nursery when you see the number flash. If a specific child is in need, that child's number will flash in the box.

**Membership** — If you desire more information on becoming a member of Grace Community Church, please circle "M" on a communication card.

**Prayer Care** — Let us support you in time of need with prayer. You may indicate your requests on a communication card found in the chair pockets in the Worship Center or by calling the church office at 733.3966.

**Pastors' Messages** — Messages are available as podcasts and on iTunes. For the podcast, visit our website: [gccvisalia.org](http://gccvisalia.org) and click on Messages in the navigation bar. There you can select by date, series, or speaker! You may also order them on CD (\$2) by entering your request on an offering envelope with your name and date of service requested and place in an offering plate. Your CD will be available the following Sunday on the Ministry Information Table or by calling the church office.



## our pastoral staff

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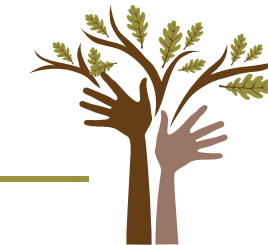
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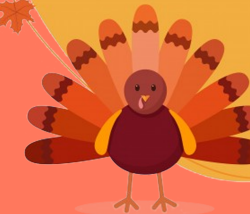
November 17, 2019

Rise and Build with God  
Nehemiah 6:1-15  
Pastor Jon Venema

Welcome!

Visiting? Let us know how we can serve you. Complete the guest card in your Visitor Booklet and place it in the offering plate. Be sure to use the enclosed coupon to receive a complimentary drink and pastry at the Grace Café. We hope you enjoy your time with us today!

Give Thanks  
Potluck



Wednesday, November 20  
6 - 7:30 pm  
Student Center



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## this week

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School; Family Matters ABF, M6; Proclaimers ABF, M3; Satellite ABF, M5; Junior High, Jr. High Center; High School, Student Center

9:00 a.m. Inquirer's Class, Grace Cafe

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship, Children's Center  
Women of the Word ABF, M4

6:00 p.m. High School First Fruits Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Packing Thanksgiving boxes, Student Center

### TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. MOPS, Student Center

2:00 p.m. Golden Oak Bible Club, Golden Oak

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Spalding Home

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Delivering Thanksgiving boxes, Golden Oak

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, South Campus

6:00 p.m. AWANA, Children's Center

6:00 p.m. Junior High Gathering, Student Center

6:00 p.m. High School GROW Groups, Various Locations

6:00 p.m. Sunday Praise Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

7:00 p.m. Satellite Praise Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

### THURSDAY

6:00 a.m. Ironworks, Grace Cafe

6:15 p.m. Satellite Dinner, Student Center

7:00 p.m. Satellite Worship, Student Center

### FRIDAY

All Day Choose Joy

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. High School Praise Team Rehearsal, Student Center

**CHRISTMAS PAJAMA RAMA**

4th, 5th & 6th graders  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST  
5-7pm  
GCC Student Center

- ☺ Wear your PJ's
- ☺ Bring a blanket
- ☺ Bring a pillow

Hot Chocolate & Pancakes for dinner watching the movie, ELF

## students

### CHILDREN

**Boxes of Love** — We are filling Thanksgiving boxes tomorrow, November 18, at 8:00 a.m. & delivering them at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20. If you can serve either day please contact Brittany Kalmink. We appreciate you!

**KOINONIA FOSTER HOMES** — Gift tags are available TODAY in the courtyard for foster children. These gifts are a great blessing in difficult situations at Christmas. Each gift is to be in the amount of \$25 and must be returned no later than Sunday, December 15. Thank you!

**Christmas Morning Pajama-rama** — 4th, 5th, & 6th graders, join us on Sunday December 1 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Student Center. We'll enjoy a pancake dinner, popcorn, and hot cocoa as we watch the movie Elf! It's going to be a holly, jolly, fun time to celebrate Christmas! Contact Brittany Kalmink for more information.

### JR HIGH

**Operation Christmas Child** — Our Jr. High small groups are filling Christmas boxes to bless underprivileged children around the world. You can help by donating items to put in the boxes. All items are due by Wednesday, November 20.

**GIVE THANKS Potluck** — We are giving thanks to God and celebrating together by having a potluck dinner on Wednesday, November 20, in the Student Center from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We are requesting that 7th grade bring a side dish/dessert while 8th grade bring a main dish!

### HIGH SCHOOL

**First Fruits Fellowship** — TONIGHT from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will come together to give thanks to the Lord, hear from a guest speaker & enjoy a potluck style dinner. Freshmen & Sophomores bring a side dish. Juniors & Seniors bring a main dish. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Golden Oak Thanksgiving boxes (see insert for list of items needed).

**Hume Lake Winter Camp** — January 17-20, 2020. Sign-ups continue today. Space is limited & spots are filling up fast. Cost is \$250. This will be an incredible, life changing weekend that you don't want to miss!

### YOUNG ADULTS

**Satellite ABF** — Join us in M5 on Sunday morning's at 9:00 a.m. as Keith & Cindy Douglass lead our discussion on various biblical topics.

**Satellite Mid-Week** — Join us at 6:15 p.m. every Thursday for a \$3 meal followed by worship and the Word at 7:00 p.m. Stay for dessert, games & community at our after party. Bring a friend!

## connecting to our family

**The Grace Café** — Our cafe is open every Sunday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Gift cards in \$5 and \$10 increments are available.

**Children's Ministry** — Nursery-6th grade is offered at both services, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Student Ministries** — We have worship, study, and discussion groups for Jr. High, High School, and Young Adults on Sunday mornings and mid-week.

**Adult Bible Fellowships** — Sunday morning **ABFs** offer a place to connect with other believers, build relationships and grow spiritually.

**Small Groups** — "R-Groups" meet throughout the week during the school year. They offer an intimate community of love, encouragement and accountability. We would love for you to be involved! Call the church office or sign up at [www.gccvisalia.org/smallgroups](http://www.gccvisalia.org/smallgroups).

**Mobile Alerts** — Don't miss out on prayer alerts and the latest events... Sign up to receive text alerts! Text "info" to 559.471.3400.

**Online Giving** — Go to the "Give" link on the menu bar at the top of our home page at [gccvisalia.org](http://gccvisalia.org).

## prayer focus

- Pray for Godly repentance and revival in our country. Pray for our President and our leaders. Pray for the upcoming elections.
- Pray for the current process of seeking our upcoming elders and deacons.
- Pray that you would serve in AWANA and/or Bible Club.
- Pray for Vision 2020 - for our Ministry Center & the move to our new property.
- Pray for rain in our valley, snow in our mountains, the fires and power outages across our state.
- Pray for our elders, deacons, and the New Campus Team as they seek God's wisdom and leading for our church properties.